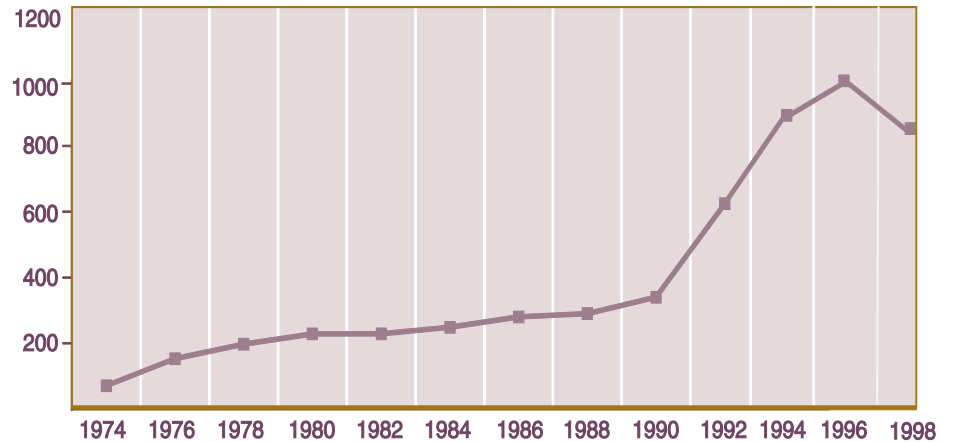


Children and SSI

Recipients and payment amounts, 1974–98. Since SSI began, there has been a ten-fold increase in the number of blind and disabled children receiving payments. The relatively high average payment to disabled children (compared with that made to blind and disabled adults) is due in part to a limited amount of other countable income. The peak in average monthly benefits in 1992 is due to retroactive payments resulting from the *Sullivan vs. Zebley* decision.

Number of children under age 18 receiving SSI payments

(In thousands)



Average monthly amount

